

BASEBALL

President C. W. Murphy of Chicago Club Is Against Change of Rules.

BOXING

Jack O'Brien Admits That Fitz Had Him All Out in Their Six-Round Bout.

BULLIARDS

Amateur Experts Are Occupying Center of Stage in Local Cue World.

FOOTBALL

Spirited Games Between Soccer Teams in Different Local Leagues.

BATTLING NELSON ENGAGED TO MARRY MISS DE MILT OF VAUDEVILLE FAME



MISS GERTRUDE DE MILT. Who is said to be engaged to Battling Nelson. Miss De Milt is with a burlesque company, having formerly been a vaudeville star.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Toledo, O., Dec. 17.—Announcement was made Sunday afternoon of the engagement of Battling Nelson, light-weight champion of the world to Miss Gertrude De Milt, now playing the part of Gussie Gussie in "Down the Line," put on by Fred Irwin. With this announcement came the statement that Nelson will marry Miss De Milt in his own show next season. Both of these statements are vouched for by Miss De Milt herself.

At first she refused to admit the veracity of them, and referred the matter to Nelson. He is noncommittal, neither denying nor affirming the report, but later Miss De Milt admitted the truth of the story and gave her sanction to its publicity.

There is considerable romance in connection with the affair, as both the principals were supposed to have other sweethearts, but after Nelson had joined the company it was a settled fact that both were in love.

The first intimation of an engagement came last Tuesday, when Miss De Milt came to the theater wearing about a three-

carat diamond, which she admits was given to her by Nelson. She also wears a big diamond ring and takes care of Nelson's jewelry and money when he is on his way.

The matter was considered as a joke by the members of the company at first, but as the time wore on and Miss De Milt became more and more attached to Nelson, the other members, it was seen that the engagement was a fact.

No definite time has as yet been set for the wedding, but it is understood, according to statements made, that it will occur when Nelson has completed his vaudeville appearance, or in about five months.

Gertrude De Milt is better known as the "girl with the smile." She was formerly a vaudeville star, but for the last four seasons has been playing with the burlesque company of the star with Fred Irwin's show. She is a beautiful girl, of fine figure and very pleasing voice. Her home is in Brooklyn, N. Y.

AMATEUR BILLIARDS IN THE LIMELIGHT

Billiard Expert Broadhead Duplicates Gundacker's Unbeaten Record—Lawrence's Victory Over Noland a Surprise.

George W. Gundacker's feat of winning all his games, seven straight, in the amateur three-cushion tournament at the Hausaer was beaten by Archie Broadhead, winner of the amateur three-cushion tournament at the Grand, who captured nine straight games. Gundacker is undoubtedly the best player, although his high run of five was equaled by Broadhead and his best single game average of 67 is only a point better than Broadhead's, who averaged 66 in one of his games. Gundacker, however, played from the scratch mark and conceded a liberal handicap to all his opponents, while Broadhead met his opponents on even terms. Thirty-five points constituted a game in the tournament won by Gundacker, while twenty-five points was the limit in the tournament won by Broadhead. The fact that Gundacker averaged 67 in a thirty-five point game makes his performance a superior one to Broadhead's 66 for a twenty-five-point game.

Gundacker and Broadhead are not the first local amateurs to win a tournament with clean scores. Adolph Beckler, one of the cleverest amateurs in the city, won a class B three-cushion tournament at the Grand three seasons ago, with a record of seven straight victories.

The nearest approach to Gundacker's record is Charles T. Noland's feat of winning twenty-four out of twenty-five games in three successive class A three-cushion tournaments. An amateur named Lawrence applied what would otherwise have been a clean sweep for Noland. This defeat necessitated a saw-off, in which Noland easily disposed of Lawrence.

Archie Broadhead's high single game average of 67 was a remarkable feat, but it is not a record. He has played a game with Gus Wheeler. Hutchings, by the way, played wonderful billiards that day. He won a class B three-cushion tournament at the Grand in a fifty-point game with C. T. Noland, whom he met in the class A tournament. He also played a class B three-cushion tournament at the Grand in a fifty-point game with C. T. Noland, whom he met in the class A tournament. He also played a class B three-cushion tournament at the Grand in a fifty-point game with C. T. Noland, whom he met in the class A tournament.

George Schaefer will endeavor to persuade C. T. Noland, Tom Wheeler, Adolph Beckler, Archie Broadhead, Clarence Hutchings, Gus Wheeler, and Adolph Beckler to take part in the class A tournament. The winner of this event will then be sent to the world's championship at the Grand. Noland holds a medal emblematic of the State championship, which he won two years ago. He is a very good player, and no one challenging him for the trophy. Noland's high run of seven and single average of 67 is a very good record. He is a very good player, and no one challenging him for the trophy.

Players	Won.	Lost.	Run.	Av.
Broadhead	9	0	57	67
Beckler	7	0	57	67
Hutchings	7	0	57	67
Wheeler	7	0	57	67
Noland	24	1	57	67
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Jordan W. Lambert's feat of winning a fifty-point game from C. T. Noland was an amazing feat. Noland is an amateur of rare skill and pluck, but in Noland he met one of the best players in the city, whose marvelous safety play has proved an insurmountable obstacle to some of the best players in the country. Noland played the game of his life against Lambert and left the crowd in a state of amazement. Lambert found it impossible to count himself. Lambert was confronted with a hard nut, and he knew how when he found it impossible to count himself. Lambert was confronted with a hard nut, and he knew how when he found it impossible to count himself.

The four-handed tie in the Royal Amateur three-cushion tournament is still undecided. Kramer won two games last week and looks like the winner of the first prize. He will play Roundabout tomorrow night. If he is lucky enough to win, it will be a very good feat. Kramer is a very good player, and no one challenging him for the trophy.

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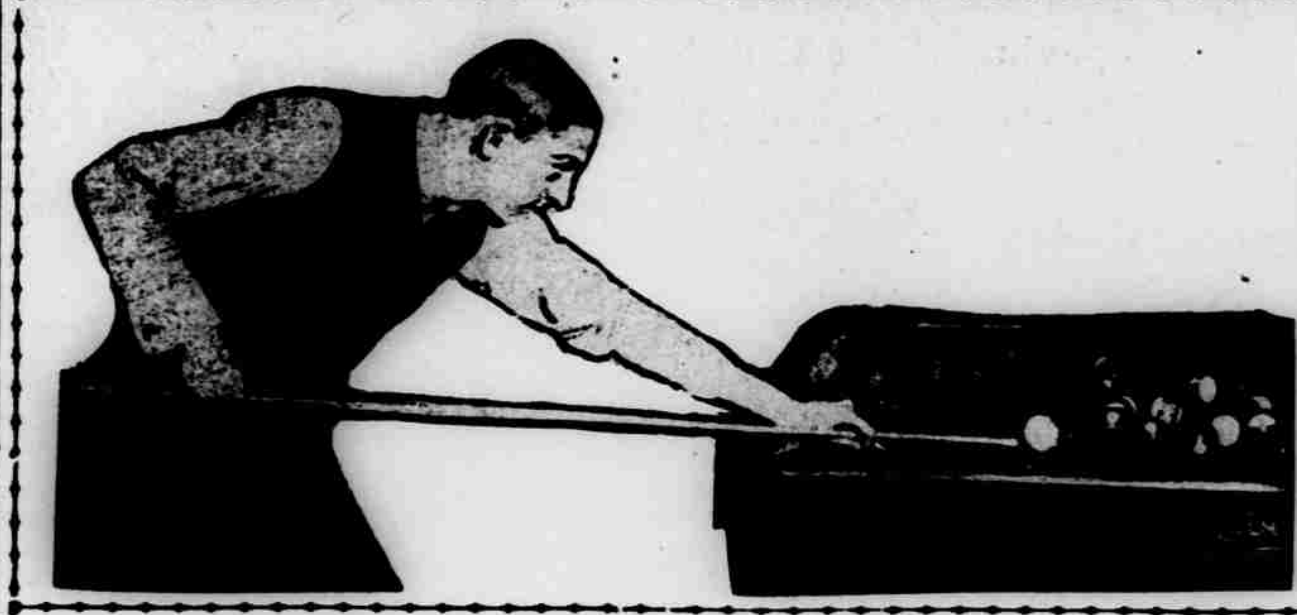
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KANSAS CITY'S POOL CHAMPION IN LOCAL TOURNAMENT



LESTER GILMORE, Making a double-kick combination.

WILL NOT COMPETE IN DUAL CONTEST

Oliver Kirk of the M. A. C. Says That He Will Not Box in Tournament With South Broadway Athletic Club.

Oliver Kirk, the Olympic 115 and 125 pound boxing champion, yesterday announced that he would not represent the M. A. C. dual meet with the South Broadway Athletic Club next Saturday night. Kirk says he has reasons of his own for not going in the tournament, and points out the fact that this is the first time that he has been asked to box in a tournament. He became a member of the club. He refused to some of the excuses of the other boxers, and says he will have one good as good as any of those already given.

The boxer is not worrying over the outcome of his standing with the club, should the latter see fit to let him. He said: "I have always accommodated the M. A. C. by entering tournaments and meeting men in special bouts. I have made trips for them which greatly handicapped me in my work. Now, when I am asked to box in a tournament, I am for them since becoming a member, they are talking of throwing me out. I had several months of going in this tournament, and I am still there. I am still there, and I will show it later on. I am not boxing at present and will witness the tournament next Saturday from the side line."

It appears to me that at just this time, when it is necessary to have all its men ready to meet the South Broadway boxers, the M. A. C. will not compete in the tournament next Saturday night. It is a very good feat. Kirk is a very good player, and no one challenging him for the trophy.

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